

that editorial, I guess, was about 100% wrong and even Senator Luedtke who is a strong supporter of this bill, and Senator DeCamp who is a strong opponent of the bill, I think we agree on that, is that right?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: I had better not comment.

SENATOR DE CAMP: That is right, you are not supposed to comment from the Chair. Anyway, they misinterpreted it so this clarifies it. You see, if you don't have the language in there, well lets go to the town of Scottsbluff, lets go to the town of Alliance, pick any town that you want. They have a city council meeting and they ask the city manager or the city attorney, they say what is happening in the legislature? What is going on? He says, well you have got a bill down there on such and such. He technically, if we don't have that language in there, if we don't get it clarified with my amendment, somebody could argue well technically he is lobbying. Then he has to file a report and all of this stuff, or just the city manager. What I am doing with the amendment, I'm striking the word "professionals" so we don't get confused and say that we are dealing with lawyers. We are dealing with the people that routinely do these things throughout the length and breadth of the state in dealing with groups, farm groups or whatever just explaining whats going on to them. We are still, through the amendment making it clear that their contact with senators and this kind of stuff is clearly lobbying activity. So, opponent, or proponents, I would think that you would want this amendment to clear up the matter and make it clear that you are protecting the rights of these people to do routine things without being labelled lobbyist and so you clear up any misunderstanding in the Lincoln Journal. I've got 24 minutes to go. I repeat whether you are an opponent or a proponent of the bill I think that if you study it you will see that this is necessary corrective surgery that is properly done and urge you to return the bill to Select File for this specific amendment. Then, I suppose the thing will still get moved before noon.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Call the question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 11 nays on the motion to cease debate Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Debate ceases and since there wasn't any intervening discussion Senator DeCamp, I guess that there is nothing to close on. So, the question is...isn't that right Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DE CAMP: The old fox is being out foxed.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: You agree don't you?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Oh, I guess.